Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP)
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Introduction
Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) is a registered not for profit organization of professional social workers and development practitioners working in various social welfare domain across the country. Social issues like poverty, livelihood, health, education, water & sanitation, unemployment, disease control programme, urbanisation, youth issues of de-addiction and others have covered the whole gamut government, development agencies and academic institutions. Since, the influx of specialization and expertise has increased over the current decade in the country among implementation agencies, then requirement of trained social work professionals and practitioners is indeed a factual requirement. The association focuses on creating a country wide and global network of dedicated social work professionals and development practitioners from remote geographical rural areas, to discuss, debate and develop key framework on evidence & practice based interventions, methods. Focus will be to enable social workers and development practitioners all around the globe to share their ideas and working on various development issues. APSWDP will also offer a platform to youth leaders, scholars/researchers with striving passion to participate in bringing reformation through correctional measures in existing policies.

Genesis:
Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) was founded initially by a group of professional social workers working in development sectors led by Mr. Vivek Trivedi, development practitioner and a global youth leader. It primarily started with a popular online social forum ‘Alliance of Social Work & Development Practitioners’ on the occasion of 65th Republic Day 2014 i.e. 26th January, 2014. The forum productively stretched to BSW and MSW learners of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) with support from Regional Centre Chandigarh. An orientation programme-cum-workshop was organized jointly by the Forum of Professional Social Workers coinciding World Social Work Day and Month for the first time at Chandigarh involving research scholars, learners, civil society and line departments on 29th March, 2014. It was felt during the workshop at regional centre that the forum must be taken on a next higher level by attaining a legal status. On 1st December, 2014, the World AIDS Day, the online forum received its legal status as an
association under the Society Registration Act 1860 as ‘Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP)’.

**Accreditation:** The Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) has been accredited with following credible inter-governmental institutions of national and global importance:

- United Nations Special Consultative Status under Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) since 2019
- Affiliated with Department of Global Communications (DGC) of United Nations since 2019
- Registered with European Commission (E.U.) as Expert under Research and Innovation Programme since 2017
- Affiliation under National Institution of Transforming India (Niti Aayog- former Planning Commission of India) since 2015

**Our Aims:** The key aims of Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners are:

1. To promote social work and social development as a profession through national, regional & International cooperation and Network.
2. To strengthen professional values, ethics, standards and professional relationship with the employing organizations.
3. To support social organizations, community based organizations for the promotion of professionally educated and trained social workers participation in planning, formulation of policies, social work trainings, monitoring & evaluation
4. To strengthen the values of great Indian reformers into social work education and profession.
5. To bridge between the Professional Social Work organizations and Development agencies also including the faith based & Cultural organizations.
**Key Objectives:** The key broader objectives of Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners are:

1. Work for developing cooperation between Professional Social workers in the Country.
2. Organizing workshops, conferences, social work forums, exposure visits, researches, field projects for the promotion and expansion of Professional Social Work.
3. Work for building relationships between local Social Work organizations & their members to International organizations and bodies.
4. Engaging with political leaders, researchers, corporate icons, technologists in the country with the view to fostering cooperation among Professional Social Worker & international issues, including UN organizations.
5. Focus on strengthening relationship with professional Social Work organizations with SAARC countries with the view to provide impetus on regional development.
6. Establish working relationship between social work scholars, statesman administrators and corporate leaders in the country.
7. Undertake focused area based studies targeting international social issues with respect to Indian context.
9. Develop a think tank of Social work professionals so that this can provide solutions & action plan to complex social issues of national importance to national, state and local government.
10. Examine social work curriculum taught by the universities from the prospective of professional career with a view to improving credibility of Social Work Profession.
11. Develop statistical tool and evidence based indicators pertaining to human development.

**Purpose of Internship/Block Field Work:** Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) aims at engaging students for internship and also for block field work from various sectors across the country and abroad with an objective to allow young talent from reputed institutions to be associated with us to
get engaged in our professional network, learn professional values and practices with mentors and professional experts associated with association.

**Areas of Internship:** The following are key Social Work areas, where a student can find interest:

   Community Development 12. Social Research
3. Aging 13. Social Action
5. Disability (SDGs)
6. Health Care 15. Climate Change
7. International Relations and Peace 16. Others (on request and approval)
8. Justice and Corrections
9. Mental Health

**Eligibility Criteria:** Graduates/ Post Graduates or above in the area listed above from the recognized universities/ institutions would be eligible to apply for the internship.

**Application Procedure:** The aspirants may put up applications on prescribed format accompanied by the letter of recommendation from the university/ institution where the applicant is presently studying, forwarding letter from the applicant stating therein the purpose for applying and how the internship would benefit the applicant, institution and society at large. Updated Biodata/ CV of the applicant should also be enclosed herewith. There is no age limit for applying for the internship.

**Selection Procedure:** List of applications received shall be jointly placed before the Director Administration and Director Capacity Building & Training for selection. At the onset of shortlisting process, universities/ institutions shall be notified for the selection of application. The applications rejected or not selected shall not be notified. All the details shall be uploaded on the official website of APSWDP. The
office of APSWDP shall preserve the rights to accept or reject the applications without giving any intimation.

**Duration of Internship/Block Field Work:** The duration of internship shall be from 2-3 months and will not exceed 3 month’s timeframe. Interns who will not be able to submit their report after completion will not be issued any certificate. The Block Field Work will be as per norms of course and recommended by institutions.

**Stipend:** No stipend of any kind will be given during internship and block field work. Travel, food, stay and other miscellaneous expenditures shall has to be borne by the intern. Interns must carry their own laptops (optional).

**Benefits of Internship and Block Field Work:** The students will have following benefits during and after completion of successful internship/block field work:

1. Understanding of professional social work.
2. Interaction with development experts (physical and virtual).
3. Professional advice in choosing area of social work.
4. Mentoring and guidance on professional social work skills.
5. Network opportunity for national, global conferences.
6. Opportunity to get exposure of knowledge on UN Systems and SDGs.
7. Free student membership during the course and annual membership after completion of internship.

**Procedure:**
If you are interested in internship and block field work with APSWDP areas listed, please apply through the links below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-rF-SAKBz95noMUwzjRaH8A9vTvkoGFed64vk0tYCvR-lRA/viewform

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